

The October 14, 2018, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, John Spruhan.

Fourteen were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the July meeting which were approved as read.

The treasurer gave the treasurer's report. There are still some issues to be straightened out with the bank related to the change in treasurer. The ending figures in the report included the following: bank checking - \$29,654.86

bank savings - \$1,756.15 (maintained for overdraft protection)

PENFED cash - \$1,241.29

PENFED CDs – 3 totaling \$15,163.83

Ending balance \$47,816.13

OLD BUSINESS

We gained 18 new members during the sale for a membership total of 95.

Ken Sosnowski, book sale chairman, reported on the sale. We made more money than in 2017. He labeled traffic light but consistent. Faith Central Church and TAP took our leftover items. 950.5 hours were put in by volunteers preparing for the sale, conducting the sale, and cleaning up after the sale. We heard compliments from the customers. A thorough discussion of the sale will follow adjournment of the regular meeting for members who wish to remain.

The new coin machine has been ordered but is not in place yet.

Member Carl Rydell thanked the Library staff for the installation of scrubbers in the meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS

We heard a summary of Library activities. The "bump" program has started. Story time numbers have been good. Michele Green has been hired as senior assistant to the children's librarian. She is an experienced children's librarian who has moved back to Salem after a number of years away. Some changes are expected in the Story Garden and more interactive opportunities may be added. Pumpkinfest is scheduled for October 27. The Gingerbread House

event is scheduled for December 1. There is an adult reading program now in progress. A moon viewing will be held October 24 weather permitting.

Staff member David Butler and FOSL President John Spruhan are involved in an event for boy scout leaders for the second year.

The staff made three requests for funds which were discussed . The three are as follows: 1.a new book drop designed to be more waterproof, 2.a new early learning computer to replace the oldest one which is very out of date, and 3.supplies for teen programs.

Lydia Spruhan moved we appropriate up to \$9,000.00 to fund the three requests. The motion was seconded and passed.

The nominating committee for our January 2019 election will be Betty Waldron, Lydia Spruhan, and Carl Rydell.

The election will be January 13, 2019 for officers only. Terms of members of the board of directors do not expire until January 2020.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 2020 following the regular meeting.

The next newsletter will come out in late January. It will include a report on the election , a president's report on 2018, a financial summary on 2018, and a report on the 2018 book sale. January 25 is the deadline for items for the newsletter.

Ken Sosnowski suggested the inclusion of a survey with the newsletter. If the survey is included, it may be returned by mail or turned in at the circulation desk to go into the FOSL box.

Lydia Spruhan mentioned a period of increased funds from Amazon Smile from 10/29 through 11/2. Remember to go to Amazon.Smile first to take advantage of this program.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20PM.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary